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Thanks

... to Gavin Donnelley for a very significant gesture of support this week
... to those who supported our teams at this week's Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament.

... our Matarau Whanau Group for setting aside time to meet with our visiting review team this week.

People of the week

..Tyrone F for receiving "Player of the Day" for his hockey and Rugby teams last weekend. Well done Tyrone!

.. Caden G and Dejaun P-S who have been noticed recently helping children make good choices in the playground. Well done boys!

.. Megan E, Maddison F, Tyrone F, Johnathan D, Tahi-Ora T, Brendan P, James B, Eve F and Conal A for working so diligently over recent weeks on a "student voice" project for our visiting ERO team.

Good luck

... to this week's famine participants. Thanks for getting behind a worthy cause.

Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

25 May	Year 7 immunisations
26 May	Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 3.6)
1 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
2 June	Room 9 and 10 field trip (more to follow)
13 June	Trivia Night
16 June	Kamo High School management team visits to meet parents and prospective students (7:00 PM)
19 June	Portfolios issued
29/30 June	Parent interviews
3 July	Final day of term 2

Drop off time ... mornings

Please do not drop children at school before 8:00 AM. We cannot guarantee any acceptable level of adult supervision / availability before this time.

School Gates

If you are visiting the school during operating hours, please ensure you close the school gates behind you to avoid the possibility of children running out onto the road.



Comrie Park Tennis Courts

Thank you to those who have formalised lunch time and after bookings for the tennis courts. Future users are asked to always check with the school first please prior to using the courts at these times.

Compassion Virtue

Please let us know where you have seen / heard outstanding applications of the compassion virtue. To celebrate these together is an encouragement to everybody.

So ... we have people standing by to take your calls!

Reminders from last week

... learning support programmes are well under way. Please ensure homework is completed and don't hesitate to contact Mrs Comrie or Mrs Walker with any questions.

... still some hockey and netball fees outstanding ... please get these to school next week.

... please ensure that children have water bottles at school each day.

... requests for payment of school contributions (and assorted fees) were issued this week to those who opted for quarterly payments. Please pay at your nearest convenience or phone to make alternative payment arrangements. We are more than willing to help where we can.

... if you hired pool keys this year please urgently return these to school. There are still quite a number of keys outstanding.

Science Fair

.. Science Fair prizegiving will be held in the school hall starting 6:30 PM Tuesday 26 May. You might like to pencil in this date. We encourage you to leave some flexibility in that week's programme so you can drop by and take a look. Any questions in the run up to the fair to either Mrs Abbott or Miss Jensen please.

40 km speed limit

Please adhere to the new 40 km speed restriction on the portion of Matarau Road adjoining the school. This is a busy road at this time and children can be unpredictable.



Matarau Hockey

Well done to the following "Player of the Day"



Matarau White
- Ava Perkins

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following "Player of the Day"



Yr 3 - Aimee Potter



Yr 2 - Summer Dackers

Reminder - tips on monitoring internet usage at home

.. know when, where and how your child uses their email and internet accounts

.. insist on knowing your child's passwords so you can monitor their internet usage

.. take a special interest in social network sites. Most of these have an age restriction and we suggest you enforce these.

.. if you have decided to allow your child to use Facebook ensure you have access to their Facebook page. Monitor usage closely and don't be afraid to "shut it down" if you feel uneasy about their involvement.

.. be aware of the restrictions that can be placed on ipads, ipods, tablets etc

Personalised Learning .. chance to know more

We are slowly charting a new direction in learning at our school. We want you to be a part of our journey. We also want you to understand where, how, why these changes will make such a profound difference. This is NOT a "baby out with the bathwater" approach to learning. It is an approach to learning that taps into some of the key motivators of learning, as well as removing some of the historic barriers. If you would like to know more, we will be giving an overview on this new direction in the staffroom starting 3:15 Wednesday 10 June. Please phone the school office next week if you think you will be in attendance.

Finally

This week we hosted a team from the Education Review Office. This was a valuable opportunity for us to receive feedback, reflect on our programmes and identify some next steps. The team has fed back very positively on our programmes and on the direction of the school. We will let you know when their final report is publically available. In the meantime, a special thank you to staff for your hard work in the run up to this visit, to children for rising to the occasion, to those parents who helped out in little ways over the week, and, again, to our whanau group for giving them such a ringing endorsement of our school (we have been greatly humbled by your feedback).

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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children, please support them



Request for a Ride

On an as required basis to start, but could become permanent, Child to be collected from Room 2, Matarau School at 3pm and dropped off to Mum at work, TRK on West End Ave. Petrol costs will be covered. Please contact Vanessa on 0274823852.

Community Notices

House for Rent – Rushbrook Rd, 3 bedrooms, garage & carport. No dogs. \$320 per week. Ph Diane 4335629.

For Sale - 4 bdr home in Matarau - wonderful views, in school zone, great neighbourhood. Easy grazing land on 2.4 acres. 1.5 bathrooms, huge deck, new carpets and paint downstairs. Call 027 4 37 1057 for more details.

Whangarei Coral Society – presents Elijah Mendelssohn, Saturday 30th May at 2pm, Christ Church, cnr Kamo Rd & Deveron St, Entry by Programme: Adult \$20, Seniors and Students \$15.

TRIVIA EVENING

- ✂ If anyone is in a position to donate a lamb/sheep or pig for a spit for the Trivia Evening, please email Donna McKenzie at donna@digitype.co.nz
- ✂ For those interested in helping with Trivia Evening there will be a meeting held on Tuesday 19 May at 3.15 in the library. If you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please email Donna McKenzie donna@digitype.co.nz and she will set up another meeting to suit.

Prize for the
best dressed
team and table

Annual Trivia Evening

“A Country Fair” Fundraiser

Saturday 13 June 2015
Matarau School Hall - 7pm



Mr D. (Scotty) will be our fabulous quizmaster again this year
with some great new question formats

Thanks to the following companies who are sponsoring tables:

✂ Arc Security

If you or your company can sponsor a table (for \$100) please contact Donna McKenzie on 021708070 or donna@digitype.co.nz Table Sponsorship gives you the option to display your company's promotional material (banners/business cards etc) on the night, and have your company name appear in the school newsletter reaching over 160 families,
prior to the Trivia Evening.

Prize Donations: if you are unable to sponsor a table, would you be able to donate a prize or prizes for the night? These could either be used as part of silent/live auctions or a lucky door prize. Prizes could be anything from chocolate to wine to bathroom products, or perhaps an old gift that's not been used??? Any queries call Donna McKenzie.

Get your table groups together (4-6 people per team)

Tickets are on sale at the office - \$15 per person

This includes lots of fun, nibbles and a light supper.

Start thinking now about your costume, table groups and dusting off your thinking caps!!

You could be surprised just what trivia you know!

Don't miss out on a fantastic evening!!!

MATARAU SCHOOL CATERING SMASH CONFERENCE 2015—PLEASE HELP!!

After our past successful catering jobs & raising over \$2500 for our school —we have been offered a morning tea/lunchtime/afternoon tea/Nibbles catering job on Monday 15th June 2015 at Barge Park.

We will need two teams of volunteers to help prepare & serve food on the day or if you are able to help out with providing any of the items below, please tick & return this form to school no later than 3pm on Friday 5th June, so that we can collate & arrange what else is needed. Any queries please contact Jenny Wiegersma on 021729536. . Many Thanks for your help in advance.

	I am able to help out on the day from 9am-3pmish—Please please!
	I am able to help out on the day from 3pmish till 7pm—Please please!
	Fresh Bread (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Margarine & Mayonnaise (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Buns (for filled rolls) (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1kg Shaved Ham (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1kg Shaved Chicken (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1kg Block of Cheese (Required by 3pm on 12/06/2015)
	Eggs (for hard boiling) (Required by 3pm on 12/06/2015)
	Lettuce (Required by 8.30am on 12/06/2015)
	Carrots (Required by 3pm on 12/06/2015)
	Tomatoes (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Pizza (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Large Pot of Homemade Soup (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Buns to go with Soup (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Garlic Bread (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Bacon & Egg Pies (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Savouries (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Mini Samosas (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Mini Spring Rolls (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Chicken Nibbles (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Fish Bites or Horderves (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Crackers (to be served with cheeses) (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Gourmet Cheeses (Camembert; Brie etc) (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	100g Packet of Coffee (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	200 Tea Bags (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1.5kg Sugar (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Baking: Slices, Cakes, Muffins, Scones etc. (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Fresh Fruit (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)

Name: _____ Contact Ph #: _____
(REMEMBER—MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK)